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1. BERGLAND VISIT. ALTHOUGH WE CANNOT DOCUMENT IT, WE HAVE THE RECOLLECTION THAT AMBASSADOR SPASOWSKI MENTIONED SOME TIME AGO THAT HE WOULD RECOMMEND THAT SECRETARY BERGLAND BE RECEIVED BY FIRST SECRETARY GIEREK. A LIKELY TIME FOR THIS WOULD BE THE MAY 19 APPOINTMENT FOR 0900 WITH A VICE PREMIER (TO BE NAMED). IN ANY EVENT, WE HAVE PROPOSED THAT BERGLAND CARRY A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT TO GIEREK. IT COULD BE PRESENTED IN PERSON IF A MEETING WITH GIEREK MATERIALIZES, OR IT COULD BE GIVEN TO FOREIGN MINISTER WOJTASZEK FOR DELIVERY TO GIEREK.

2. THE LETTER ITSELF IS RELATIVELY INNOCUOUS WITH THE STRESS ON AGRICULTURAL COOPERATION. ITS MAIN PURPOSE IS TO ESTABLISH OR RENEW THIS CHANNEL OF COMMUNICATION,
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PRIMARILY BECAUSE WE HAVE IN MIND A LETTER ON HUMAN RIGHTS (FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT) THAT WOULD BE SENT PERHAPS IN ANOTHER MONTH OR SO. BILL LUERS PLANS TO HOLD A MEETING TO WORK OUT A SCENARIO FOR OUR CONTINUED EFFORTS IN THIS AREA. WE WILL KEEP YOU POSTED.

3. CALIFANO VISIT. SECRETARY CALIFANO'S STAFF HAS INFORMED

US HE WISHES TO ATTEND MASS WHILE IN WARSAW AND ALSO TO MEET WITH CARDINAL WYSZYNSKI. ADVANCE MAN BOB FISCHER IS PROBABLY AWARE OF THIS AND SHOULD RAISE IT WITH YOU. WE HAVE ADVISED HEW OF THE PROBLEMS THAT MAY BE INVOLVED IN ARRANGING AN AUDIENCE WITH THE CARDINAL. WE INDICATED THE EMBASSY WOULD HAVE TO LOOK INTO IT DISCREETLY. WE FURTHER SUGGESTED THAT, IF AN AUDIENCE MATERIALIZES, IT MIGHT BE NICE IF CALIFANO BRINGS A LETTER FROM MRS. CARTER, DR. BRZEZINSKI, AND/OR THE PRESIDENT.

4. MAY 3 CONSTITUTION DAY. MRS. CARTER'S PARTICIPATION WAS WELL-RECEIVED, ACCORDING TO JIM HEALEY OF CONGRESSMAN ROSTENKOWSKI'S OFFICE. DECKED OUT IN A RED AND WHITE OUTFIT, SHE MADE A SHORT SPEECH RECALLING THE VISIT AND HER MEETING WITH CARDINAL WYSZYNSKI AND EMPHASIZING THE IMPORTANCE THE ADMINISTRATION ATTACHES TO POLAND. NOWY DZIENNIK (NEW YORK) CARRIED A FAVORABLE EDITORIAL, ALTHOUGH IT CONTAINED MILD CRITICISM OF THE ADMINISTRATION'S FAILURE TO ESTABLISH CLOSER TIES TO POLISH-AMERICANS AND TO GRANT THEM MORE GOVERNMENTAL APPOINTMENTS. APPARENTLY, PLANS FOR A DEMONSTRATION TO DRAMATIZE THESE COMPLAINTS WERE ABORTED.

5. BILL LUERS IS IN CHICAGO MAY 11-13. HE WILL MEET WITH ALOYSIUS MAZEWSKI. WE HAVE SENT UP A REQUEST FOR THE CONFIDENTIAL

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DEPUTY SECRETARY TO RECEIVE MAZEWSKI AS WELL.

6. DISSIDENCE. YOU WILL HAVE OUR CABLE REPORTING MEETINGS BILL LUERS AND I HAD WITH FOUR YOUNG POLISH INTELLECTUALS. KRZYSZTOF KOZLOWSKI OF TYGODNIK POWSZECHNY STOPPED BY MAY 8. AMONG HIS MORE INTERESTING OBSERVATIONS WAS THE VIEW THAT THE INTELLECTUALS HAVE REALLY FAILED SO FAR TO ESTABLISH REAL LINKS WITH THE WORKERS. THIS TENDS TO CONTRADICT THE VIEW MARCIN KROL AND THE OTHERS HAD EXPRESSED TO BILL LUERS AND ME.

7. KOZLOWSKI ALSO MENTIONED A MEETING BISHOP DABROWSKI HAD RECENTLY WITH POLITBIURO MEMBER KANIA, WHO LOOKS AFTER RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS. DABROWSKI, WHO KOZLOWSKI SAID IS EYED BY THE REGIME AS A POSSIBLE AND PERHAPS FAVORED SUCCESSOR TO THE PRIMATE, WAS STUNNED BY KANIA'S EXTREMELY STRICT CONSTRUCTIONIST VIEW OF WHAT THE CHURCH IS AUTHORIZED TO DO IN POLAND --MASS, CATECHISM, AND CONFIRMATION BUT NOTHING MORE.

8. KOZLOWSKI ALSO MENTIONED THAT MINISTER KAKOL WILL SOON LEAD A DELEGATION TO ISRAEL, EVIDENTLY AS SORT OF A RETURN

VISIT FOR THE ONE BY THE ISRAELI GROUP WHO ATTENDED THE

RECENT WARSAW GHETTO UPRISING ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATION. KOZLOWSKI THINKS THE REGIME NOW WANTS IMPROVED RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL FOR ECONOMIC REASONS. (COMMENT: WE WONDER IF ANY SERIOUS STEPS IN THIS DIRECTION COULD LEAD TO RELAXATION OF THE RESTRICTIONS AGAINST VISITS BY JEWS WHO LEFT POLAND IN THE LATE 1960'S.)

9. FINALLY, KOZLOWSKI SAID THAT SUPPRESSION OF FLYING UNIVERSITY ACTIVITIES IN WROCLAW HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL. HE ADDED THAT THE SITUATION FOR DISSIDENTS IN KRAKOW IS EXTREMELY HARD AND MENTIONED THE PRIEST WHO HAD BEEN BEATEN AND A RECENT SPATE OF INEXPLICABLE SEIZURES OF CONFIDENTIAL

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DRIVER'S LICENSES FROM DISSIDENTS.

10. ROSS JOHNSON. ROSS WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH BERNARD MARGUERITTE, EITHER IN WARSAW OR ELSEWHERE IN EUROPE. ROSS WILL BE VISITING MUNICH, PARIS, BELGRADE, WARSAW, AND LONDON IN THAT ORDER BETWEEN MAY 20 AND JULY 16. WE WILL SEND DETAILED ITINERARY IN OPEN CHANNEL. ROSS HOPES PISM CAN ARRANGE APPROPRIATE MEETINGS AND THAT THE EMBASSY CAN SUPPLEMENT AS IT DEEMS ADVISABLE. AT THE EMBASSY, BESIDES HIS SESSION WITH THE DEFENSE ATTACHES, HE WOULD LIKE TO CALL ON THE AMBASSADOR AND THE DCM AND TALK WITH PEOPLE IN THE POLITICAL SECTION AND P&C. HE WILL BE IN WARSAW JULY 3-8 AND WILL CONTACT YOU THERE.

11. ROSS SAYS A FORMAL EMBASSY CLEARANCE FOR THE VISIT IS BEING REQUESTED THROUGH DAO CHANNELS AND HE HOPES IT CAN BE RECEIVED BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE FROM LOS ANGELES MAY 20. VANCE

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